

**MINUTES OF THE  
UTAH INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION**  
Tuesday, August 1, 2006– 2:00 p.m. – Room W125 House Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Mark B. Madsen, Senate Chair  
Rep. Sheryl L. Allen, House Chair  
Sen. Brent H. Goodfellow  
Sen. Carlene Walker  
Rep. Roger E. Barrus  
Rep. Jackie Biskupski  
Rep. Lorie D. Fowlke  
Rep. Brad King  
Mr. Brian Farr  
Mr. Brett W. Heimburger  
Mr. Miguel R. Rovira

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Richard C. North, Policy Analyst  
Mr. Chris Parker, Associate General Counsel  
Ms. Glenda S. Whitney, Legislative Secretary

**Note:** A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.leg.utah.gov](http://www.leg.utah.gov).

**1. Commission Business**

Chair Allen called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. She asked Commission members and staff to introduce themselves and who they represent.

**2. Utah International Trade Commission Overview**

Mr. North distributed 2006 General Session H.B. 39, "Utah International Trade Commission" and presented an overview on the Utah International Trade Commission's creation and statutory mission.

Mr. North distributed a handout, "2005-2006 State International Trade Legislation Summary" and presented a brief overview of how other states are addressing the issue of international trade and legislative commissions.

Chair Allen led the discussion on H.B. 39, Utah International Trade Commission and what other states have done regarding this issue. She explained that the charge of the Commission is to address international trade issues and noted that the Commission's repeal date is December 31, 2007.

**3. WTO (World Trade Organization) Structure**

Chair Allen distributed and discussed a news article by Bradley S. Klapper, The Associated Press, "U.S., EU finger-pointing scuttles WTO talks" and noted the comments of U.S. Trade Representative Susan Schwab.

Mr. Parker reported on the organizational structure of the WTO and how it regulates international trade. He discussed the history of the WTO, how the WTO resolves trade disputes, and how member nations are affected.

Chair Allen led Commission discussion on this issue.

Staff addressed a request after Commission discussion, and distributed a handout, "Members' contributions to the WTO budget and the budget of the Appellate Body for the year 2004" identifying the WTO secretariat budget for 2004.

#### **4. International Treaties: Impact on State Constitutional Powers**

Mr. Bryan Farr, Division Chief, State Agency Council Division, Attorney General's Office, distributed a handout, "International Treaties" and gave a presentation regarding the impact of international treaties on states' constitutional powers to regulate. He explained the ramifications of the recent WTO and court rulings regarding state regulation and the prohibition of gambling.

Chair Allen led Commission discussion on this issue.

Mr. Jake Anderson, Attorney General's Office, explained the process for the assessment of international treaty threats to state sovereignty.

#### **5. Other Items / Adjourn**

Chair Allen distributed and reviewed a packet of information, "National Conference of State Legislatures Standing Committee on Economic Development, Trade & Cultural Affairs" addressing federal and state policies regarding economic development, housing, international trade and cultural matters. She also referred to a letter from Representative George Eskridge, Idaho, Chair, State & Local Working Group on Energy & Trade Policy, addressing proposed disciplines on Domestic Regulation Under GATS (General Agreement on Trade in Services) Article VI:4.

The Commission summarized and discussed the direction of its study for the upcoming meetings.

Mr. Rovira noted a Trade Policy Leadership Seminar on December 5 and December 6, 2006. He indicated this is a Fall Forum Pre-Conference, Forum on Democracy and Trade, to be held at the Hyatt Regency on the Riverwalk in San Antonio, Texas. Chair Allen asked Commission members to contact her or staff if interested in attending.

Chair Allen indicated that the next meetings of the Commission were scheduled for Tuesdays, September 19, October 17, and November 14, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**MOTION:** Sen. Walker moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Barrus absent for the vote.

Chair Allen adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

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